

NSC BRIEFING

11 September 1957

TITO-GOMULKA MEETING

I. In an atmosphere of genuine friendship, Tito and Gomulka began their conversations in Belgrade on 10 September.

A. [REDACTED] 25X1C
"This is not like diplomatic visit at all, it is family reunion."

B. [REDACTED] 25X1C
an American embassy officer in Warsaw that the substance of the talks is secondary to the simple fact that the visit is being made.

II. Polish, Yugoslav leaders probably hope to demonstrate their independent positions vis-a-vis the Kremlin.

A. German problem, Oder-Neisse question are probably high on agenda.

1. Tito openly supported Polish claim to Oder-Neisse territories despite West German efforts to dissuade him.

B. Greater collaboration between the two countries may be expected, especially in economic field.

1. Gomulka declared that since the "artificial barriers that divided us in the past have been removed, we want to cooperate in a brotherly way."

a. Yugoslav official organ Borba asserted that "artificially provoked" abnormal state of affairs which existed between the two countries is now at an end, "especially since the political removal of Molotov's group."

III. Yugoslavs expressed willingness to consult with top Polish leaders after Gomulka's rise to power in October 1956.

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- A. Both sides have held off, however, to avoid aggravating Polish-Soviet relations. Now, however, Tito-Khrushchev meeting in August and Molotov purge in June have produced more favorable atmosphere.
- B. Soviets have been generally silent on meeting although last week Pravda printed a pointed attack^{CH} national Communism and warned against accepting capitalist aid.
- IV. There has also been no Satellite comment on the visit outside Poland but East German Communists are apprehensive about Gomulka-Tito meeting. [REDACTED] ^{25X1C} they sent emissary to Warsaw early this month to try to persuade Cyrankiewicz to deter closer Polish collaboration with Tito.
- A. Cyrankiewicz reportedly rebuffed German, said he fully supported Gomulka, that he (Cyrankiewicz) intended to "proceed further on road pointed out by Gomulka, road to Tito."

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